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FINANCING OF THE ACTIVITIES ARISING FROM SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 687 (1991): UNITED NATIONS IRAQ-KUWAIT OBSERVATION MISSION

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 73rd plenary meeting, on 29 April 1991, the General Assembly decided to include in the agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled:

> "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991):
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> (a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission;
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> (b) Other activities"

and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. At its 53rd to 56th meetings, from 29 April to 2 May 1991, the Fifth Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (A/45/240/Add.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/45/1005).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/45/L.28

3. At the 56th meeting, on 2 May 1991, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution (A/C.5/45/L.28).

4. At that meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 6).

5. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (see A/C.5/45/SR.53-56).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 687 (1991) of 3 April 1991 and 689 (1991) of 9 April 1991, by which the Council decided to set up the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission and to review the question of its termination or continuation every six months,

Recognizing that the costs of the Observation Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observation Mission, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council in the financing of such operations, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963,

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1/ A/45/240/Add.1.

2/ A/45/1005.

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Observation Mission by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observation Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Concurs with the observations, recommendations and conclusions contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

2. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission in full and on time;

3. Decides to appropriate an amount of 60,977,000 United States dollars (gross), inclusive of the amount of 900,000 dollars authorized by the Secretary-General and the amount of 5,900,000 dollars authorized with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee under the terms of General Assembly resolution 44/203 of 21 December 1989, for the operation of the Observation Mission from 9 April to 8 October 1991, inclusive, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the Observation Mission;

4. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amounts referred to in paragraph 3 of the present resolution among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1989, 1990 and 1991; 3/

5. Decides also that Liechtenstein shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (b) of General Assembly resolution 43/232;

6. Decides further that Namibia shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (d) of General Assembly resolution 43/232;

7. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 4 of the present resolution, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 977,000 dollars approved for the period from 9 April to 8 October 1991, inclusive;

3/ See resolutions 43/223 A and 45/256 B.

8. Invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 44/192 A of 21 December 1989;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Observation Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991)".